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In re U.S. Patent Application of: )  
Chia Ning (Sophia) Chang ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
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Serial No.: 09/837,217 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Q.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MAY 13, 2003, FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed May 13, 2003. This response is timely if filed on or before August 13, 2003. Because Applicant has filed this response on or before two months after the mailing of the final Office Action, Applicant kindly requests an Advisory Action from the Office.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment

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and remarks presented below. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Response will place the claims in condition for Allowance.